

## PEOPLE MUST RULE WHETHER RIGHT OR NOT

Byron Favory L. and R. in Address  
Before State Constitutional  
Convention.

Springfield, Ill., March 24.—Incorporation of the initiative and referendum in the new constitution was recommended to the Illinois constitutional convention today by William Jennings Bryan. He also advocated a board for compulsory investigation of industrial disputes.

Mr. Bryan spoke before the convention in response to an invitation extended by the delegates some time ago.

All Power in People.

"The fundamental principle of popular government," said Mr. Bryan, "is that the people have a right to have what they want in government. If it can burn into your minds and hearts no other thought today, I would rather leave this thought than any other—that the people have the right to have what they want; that the people are the source of power. There is no other source to be trusted. Not that the people will make no mistakes but that the people have the right to make their own mistakes and that a few people do not have a God-given right to make mistakes for the rest of the people."

Mr. Bryan declared he favored the recall of judges. He also favored simplification of court procedure and insurance of absolute equity in punishments.

For compulsory investigation.

For the settlement of industrial disputes he proposed "a board of investigation that can be invoked at any time by either side, and with power to act on its own initiative—a board with a representative from each side, chosen by that side to be a part of the board during that investigation. Such a board would investigate the causes of the dispute and give the facts to the public. Each side would reserve the right to act independently after the investigation but investigation would bring out the facts and in most cases, lead to a settlement.

"That is not compulsory arbitration but compulsory examination for the guidance of public opinion and for the enlightenment of the people."

Opposes Use of Force.

The right of collective bargaining should be recognized, Mr. Bryan said, but the use of force should be prohibited. "The right to employ force and coercion should be reserved to the government which acts for all the people," he declared.

### ZUMA

Church service at Zuma M. E. church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. James Searl and son Ambrose Searl were business callers in Hillside Wednesday.

Mrs. Minnie Walnwright returned from Des Moines, Iowa, Friday evening having spent the week there with her brother and family who reside there.

The Republican caucus was held at the Wake schoolhouse Saturday afternoon and nominated the following to fill offices: Assessor, John Sachan; town clerk, Ross Walnwright; school trustee, Clyde Wake.

Verna Mumma accepted a position in Port Byron school and commenced teaching Monday morning.

A vacancy in the room of the fifth and sixth grades made by the resignation of Mrs. Hoffman.

The funeral of Dr. Charles White-side of Moline was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Whiteside Tuesday morning at 10 a. m. Rev. Hanes of Moline conducted the service. Interment was in Zuma cemetery.

Mrs. D. W. Mumma visited her sister, Mrs. E. McMurphy Sunday afternoon.

Sheldon Mumma is building a new garage.

Frank Schafer sawed wood for Louis Reeling Saturday.

Ray Hanna was a business caller in Joslin Monday.

Mrs. Perry Cox and daughter Edith were business callers in Port Byron Monday.

The Democratic caucus was held at the Rose Hill schoolhouse Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. and nominated the following to fill offices: Town clerk, Frank Schafer; school trustee, Minnie Walnwright; road commissioner, Henry Brandt.

Clara Brandt spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, returning to Port Byron where she is attending school.

Mrs. Sheldon Mumma and Mrs. Lawrence Allsbrow spent a few days in Moline last week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walnwright were guests of Mrs. Sarah Beal Sunday.

Fred Schwegler and Alfred Mead were callers at the home of Alvah Searl Sunday afternoon.

## STAIRWAY HELD AS AN EYESORE

City Serves Notice for Removal of  
Outside Approach on Bengston  
Estate Building.

Commissioner Frank Wich, in charge of the department of streets and public improvements, served notice today upon the contractor remodeling the Bengston estate building, 1700 Second avenue, and representatives of the estate, to appear before the city commissioners in the conference on the removal of the outside stairway on the Seventeenth street side of the building.

Mayor Harry M. Schriver and the entire city commission has held the entire city commission has held the stairway to be an eyesore to the business district and hold that the building being remodeled, the stairway should be removed and access to the upper floor of the building be made either by an interior stairway or an elevator. The second floor of the building is occupied by an attorney's office and the Tarry hotel.

There is another outside stairway in the downtown district, but it was said that no effort will be made to have this removed until an attempt to remodel the building is made.

Might Be Danger.

The city commissioners also hold that there is a certain element of danger in having outside stairways. However, the bad appearance of the stairway is said to be the main reasons why it is desired that they be removed.

Commissioner Wich said that he would insist that the stairway on the outside of the Bengston estate building be removed.

The extravagance of the newly rich of Japan find vent mostly in endowing colleges, assembling treasures of literature and art, and ministering to those senses and desires through which men nourish the soul.

## PARTY'S DEEDS BEST CRITERION OF SOCIALISTS

Brief Filed in New York Assembly  
Case Holds Force to Use  
Force.

Albany, N. Y., March 24.—The five suspended Socialist members of the state assembly "are ineligible and disqualified to occupy seats," counsel for the assembly judiciary committee asserted today in a brief filed with the committee, which conducted an investigation into the charges of disloyalty against the men.

"It is by the organization to which they belong that these men must be judged," says the brief. "Their individual acts and declarations, insofar as they have been proved, serve merely to illumine and show in concrete form the principal purposes and program for which the organization stands and to confirm the seditious purposes of the party to which they belong."

Try to Pull Down Government.

"Socialists are trying to bring about a change of government by political action, backed up by a general strike, the two being employed as the two strong arms of a giant to pull down the structure of our government, which has been built and maintained through the inspiration, the toll and the blood of countless loyal citizens of this republic."

The brief contends the Socialists are ineligible "because of their disloyalty to the United States of America and state of New York."

In support of the contention that the Socialist party "is preparing and attempting to bring about a revolution in this country as part of the international socialist revolution," the brief says:

"It has opposed and obstructed and continues to oppose and obstruct the government of the United States and of this state in all measures relating to the national and state defense."

"It has advocated and incited the destruction of existing government of the United States by illegal mass action."

Insist on Force.

"While professing to utilize political action it insists that such political action must be supplemented by violence and mass action, which it advocates, directly as well as by insinuation and suggestion."

Referring to speeches made by the defendants, the brief says their unmistakable purpose was "to instill prejudice, hatred and contempt for the great mass of the American people and to vilify and denounce those patient and patriotic leaders of organized labor who devoted themselves to guiding the energy of the toilers of America into patriotic channels during the late war."

CUT ME OPEN AND  
FIND OUT TROUBLE  
PLEA OF SUICIDE

Chicago, March 24.—Failing to find a cure for paralysis, Wilbur Whitel, Sallido, Ind., farmer, returned last night to the Presbyterian hospital, where he had received treatment some time ago, and killed himself with a revolver.

He left a note directing Dr.

Post of the hospital staff, to perform an autopsy in an effort to find the cause of paralysis and a cure for other sufferers.

## INVESTIGATING GRAIN CORNER

Chicago, March 24.—United States District Attorney Clyne has called several members of the Chicago board of trade to the federal building for investigation of reports that there is a corner on corn here.

Rumors of efforts to corner the market have been rife since the board removed the war time restriction limiting daily deals to 250,000 bushels for any one broker.

The senate has been asked to investigate reports that the United States Grain corporation has been used by speculators in their efforts to corner the market.

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All the news all the time—The Argus.

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